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Dear D.O.J.,

As a concerned citizen, investor, and stock holder of not only Microsoft, but other companies, I am fed up with this continual legal battle against Microsoft.

In the first place, it is my opinion that every company has a right and obligation to its employees, stock holders and the consumer to produce the best possible products. Complete with new innovation. Every company in the world strives for market dominance, including AOL and Sun Microsystems. The facts are that Microsoft got the job done and now those cry babies are attempting to use every sleazy "legal" means at their disposal to attempt to gain what they couldn't in fair business. In my opinion, it is not the government's business to interfere with business and as such this trial is a travesty of justice. It should be done such that, let each of these "poor abused" companies bring civil suit, provided that they can show beyond any doubt that they have been wronged and not just a victim of their own weak business practices. This whole mess reminds me of small children who, when losing a game, runs to tell Daddy the others are cheating.

As a consumer, I applaud Microsoft for putting together a truly integrated operating system. One where all of the components are integrated to work together, eliminating the finger pointing of days gone by in the software industry. I have tried Netscape and found it lacking. I prefer Microsoft's browser. I had AOL as my internet provider, but since it wasn't compatible with some of the online programs (non Microsoft) I use, I made a conscious decision to change. Therefore, these companies claim that Microsoft has harmed the consumer is a large load of malarky. I, like every other consumer, had the opportunity to use Netscape and AOL, but chose not to. I wasn't forced to use Microsoft, I simply found it to be better than the competition. They harmed themselves and the consumers by not providing appropriate software that fit the needs of all consumers, not just their narrow band of selected few. My heart bleeds for them that they've lost market share. TOUGH, that's business. If they can't stand the heat, get out of the kitchen.

As an investor, I am enraged that this mess has been allowed to continue. It is no secret that Microsoft's ups and downs fairly well dictate the ups and downs of Wall Street and the stock markets. In these times of economic uncertainty, let's call it by its real name\_\_RECESSION, what consumers, investors and the everyday working people do not need is some more downturn of the stock markets. I believe it can fairly be stated that anyone who had investments in the stock market after March of 1999 has lost and lost big. In my own case, I lost well over 50% of my retirement funds. I guess I should sue somebody to recover what I've lost too, Huh. One of the major

catalysts of that crash was the beginning of this legal battle between the DOJ and Microsoft. Further dragging it down was the cyclical weakening of the general economy and then add to it a period of uncertainty over who was the President. Now add Sept. 11. Isn't it time to get off Microsofts back and let the economy recover. I say it is!!!! In my opinion, Microsoft has made a much larger offer to settle than I would have considered fair, but still the crybabies of the world will not be satisfied unless Microsoft is ruined and completely gone. The question then is, who will they blame for their own mismanagement when again they fail and someone else is King of the Internet? So, tell me, WHO has harmed the citizens of this country, I give you AOL, Sun Micro. and the States Attorneys General, that's who.

Therefor, I emlore you to put an end to this nonsense and let the country get on with trying to recover.

Sincerely,

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